

mission to continue the suit against the State of Texas and the State Highway Commission of Texas.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 46, Granting permission that E. A. Eliot and wife continue the suit brought by them against State of Texas and the State Highway Commission of Texas.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 47, Granting Mrs. Patsy Ballew Smith the right to sue the State of Texas for compensation for the death of her husband, Earnest Jackson Smith, and the destruction of the Smith automobile.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 53, Granting to D. A. Snyder and Virginia Peters permission to sue the State of Texas and Board of Prison Commissioners of said State.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

(Continued)

(Friday, March 19, 1937)

The House met at 10:00 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Calvert.

ADDRESS BY HONORABLE TSIN LON OUANG

Speaker Calvert announced that Honorable Tsin Lon Ouang, Vice-Consul of China, and Mrs. Ouang were within the bar of the House and present on the Speaker's stand. Speaker Calvert presented Mr. Allen Peden, who introduced Honorable Tsin Lon Ouang. Mr. Ouang addressed the House briefly. Mr. Peden presented Mrs. Ouang who addressed the House briefly.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

(By unanimous consent)

Mr. Knetsch was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Mr. McKee.

Mr. Tarwater and Mr. Nicholson were granted temporary leaves of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Walker.

Mr. Howard for today, on account of important State business, on motion of Mr. Davison of Fisher.

TRIBUTE BY HON. J. BRYAN BRADBURY

Honorable J. Bryan Bradbury, having been recognized by Speaker Calvert, delivered the following address as a tribute, and out of respect to the memory of those who were killed in the gas explosion at the New London, Texas, School, on March 18, 1937:—

"Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House:

In this trying and tragic hour when hysteria has seized our citizens, tragedy has invaded our midst, and a sad and sorrowful people are stunned with the suddenness of death, it is both fitting and proper that for a moment we cease the labors of the day and lay aside the thoughts of the hour with bared heads and bleeding hearts and pay tribute in our feeble and faltering way to the hundreds of little children, who, upon yesterday, without a moment's notice or a word of warning, were caused to lay aside the robes and raiment of this earthly existence, march down the starlit path, and dwell in the mansions of immortality forever.

There is no voice eloquent enough, there is no stone white enough, no

bronze strong enough, no sculptor great enough, no artist capable enough, no poet inspired enough, to speak, to write, to draw, to paint or to carve a word, a picture, poem or monument that would in a fitting way pay the proper tribute at this sad and solemn occasion.

Yesterday morning when the sun's rays broke across the eastern horizon in a golden glow of glory and grandeur, there was no one on this revolving globe who thought, supposed, suspected or believed that before the sun would have circled its orbit, that the citizens of this commonwealth would be the host of the demon death while it reaped such an abundant and awful harvest.

Nestling in the rich and wealth lands of a progressive East Texas community, we see the picture of the school as death enters it quicker than an invading army, without the warning of an approaching storm and more deadly than disease. It reaches out its entwining arms and ruthless fingers to destroy the school, divide the homes, leave terror, disappointment, disaster and destruction in its wake. Only a short time before, those little children whose blush of innocence were buds of youth, were about to burst into bloom and blossom. Their little minds filled with hope and with ambition, and their little eyes looking out upon the future as it unfurls and unrolls with its beckoning and enticing possibilities, they wanted to live in order that they might drink from the fountain of tomorrow and to leave behind them a record of accomplishment and achievement. But death decreed otherwise. Only a short time before they were a contented and happy group upon the playground of their school. Their voices sound as music with more rhythm than came from David's harp, and sweeter than the music that floated from the banjoes played by the Nubian Knights at Cleopatra's feet.

Death is always sad, but when it comes to a child whose life is before it, it is sadder; but when it comes to a collection of children to still their voices in the chambers of death, it becomes a tragedy. In my mind's eye I can see in many a home in that East Texas community that upon yesterday morning a mother as she prepares her child to leave the home and go to the class room of learning. I can see a little child as he lays his

curly head upon her bosom, and she plants a kiss of mother's love upon his brow, and then her anxious eye follows his moving form until it disappears around the bend of a path, not knowing that before the day will have ended that the little body will be returned broken, bruised and battered, with soul departed to dwell with its Master forever. Such scenes as that cause the heart of all mankind to bleed and such events will always cause humanity to look upon March 18th in the year of our Lord, 1937, as one of the blackest days in Texas history. We, the members of the Forty-fifth Legislature, and as a representative of six million people, today extend our sympathy in this hour of sadness and bereavement to those loving parents, sorrowing relatives, and saddened friends of Henderson County, the New London community, and to all others wherever they may be; yet there is no language or lingo sufficient to express our sentiments and sadness today.

I wish that it were possible this morning to see that great reunion in that eternal city and listen to the voices of those little children as their words are turned to a song to mix and mingle with the voices of the angels and the sweet melodies of the golden harps and then we would realize and know

'There is no death
The stars go down
To rise upon some fair shore
And there in heaven's jewel crown
They will shine forevermore.'

On motion of Mr. Hyder, the above address was ordered printed in the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Pope, copies of the above address were ordered sent to the proper authorities of the New London School.

CONCERNING RELIEF FOR NEW LONDON, TEXAS

Mr. Kern offered the following resolution:

Whereas, One of the greatest disasters in the history of the State of Texas has happened in the Eastern part of the State, in the school of New London; and

Whereas, Destruction of human life and property has been the result of this disaster; and

Whereas, Every means of relief available is needed in this area; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That each Member of the House of Representatives contribute Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) of his wages today, Friday, March 19th, 1937, to the relief of this area, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send such amount to the proper relief authorities.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

**COMMENDING DR. GEORGE COX,
STATE HEALTH OFFICER**

Mr. Tennant offered the following resolution:

Whereas, One of the most terrific and gigantic catastrophes that ever occurred in the United States yesterday blasted many scores of school children into eternity in New London, Texas; and

Whereas, The tragedy being of such gigantic proportion deserved immediate attention from all persons who could be of assistance to the grief-stricken parents, the injured children, and the authorities; and

Whereas, Dr. George Cox, State Health Officer, immediately placed the entire facilities of his department in rendering aid to all needy ones and has been of the greatest benefit to these people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby commend Dr. Cox for his promptness in rising to meet this great emergency and authorize him to take any further steps necessary alleviating the suffering of the victims and the community.

TENNANT,
LEATH,
TALBERT,
GIBSON,
WOOD,
ALSUP,
McCONNELL.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

**PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE CAUSES OF
EXPLOSION IN NEW
LONDON, TEXAS**

Mr. Gibson offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 70, Providing for committee to investigate New London gas explosion.

Whereas, On Thursday, March 18th, 1937, an explosion occurred at the New

London School, in Rusk County, Texas, demolishing the high school building and killing teachers and students estimated at more than five hundred; and

Whereas, The horror of this calamity has scarcely been exceeded in the history of this country; and

Whereas, The causes of the tragedy are unknown, there being various rumors in this respect; and

Whereas, If the conditions causing this explosion, whatever may be their nature, are permitted to exist in other school buildings in Texas, many thousands of school children will be seriously endangered; and

Whereas, It may be possible to prevent future catastrophes similar to the New London tragedy, if the causes are made known, by more rigid building and inspection requirements; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint three Members of the House, and the Lieutenant Governor be authorized to appoint three Members of the Senate, who shall constitute a committee of six, who shall make a full and complete investigation of the facts surrounding the New London tragedy and recommend to the Legislature necessary legislation, if necessary, to minimize the probability of similar occurrences in the future; and, be it further

Resolved, That said committee shall have full and complete authority to formulate rules of procedure, to summon witnesses, to issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum, attachment and all other writs and process necessary to effect the purposes of this resolution, to administer oaths to said witnesses, and to punish for contempt; and, be it further

Resolved, That said committee be authorized to employ such help to assist it in making such investigation and in the formulation of the report, and further to pay the actual necessary and reasonable expenses of witnesses brought before the committee, and such other expenses as may be necessary to facilitate the work and purpose of the committee; and that such expenses be paid by and through the Chairman of the Contingent Expense Committee upon the certificate of the chairman of the committee, out of the Contingent Expense Fund of the Forty-fifth Legislature, provided further that the hearings as to the

facts of this explosion shall be held at or near New London, Texas.

GIBSON,
McCONNELL,
MORRIS,
WOOD,
HOSKINS,
TENNANT,
LEATH.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Abe M. Mays of Cass County, having been recognized by the Chair, moved that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be instructed to send a message of sympathy to Miss Evelyn Tate, an employee of the House, whose brother, Willis H. Tate, was killed in the explosion at New London, Texas, and that said message of sympathy be signed by all the Members and employees of the House of Representatives.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

FLAGS ORDERED AT HALF MAST

Mr. McKinney moved that the Speaker appoint a committee of three Members of the House to request the Governor to have the flags on all State Buildings in the city lowered at half mast out of respect to the memory of those killed in the gas explosion at New London, Texas.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee: Mr. McKinney, Mr. Roark and Mr. Bradbury.

The above committee, appointed to notify the Governor, were announced at the bar of the House, and Mr. McKinney, a member of the committee, having been recognized by the Speaker, reported to the House that the Governor had advised the committee that the request had been complied with, that the flags on the State Buildings were now flying at half mast, and in addition, that the Governor had sent the proper State Officials to the scene of the disaster to render all possible aid.

RELATIVE TO HOUSE BILL NO. 572

Mr. Walker asked unanimous consent of the House that the following amendment to House Bill No. 572 be adopted:

Amend House Bill No. 572 at Section 2, on page 13, by adding after the word "Legislature" in line 37 on said page 13, the following: ", Fourth Called Session".

There was no objection offered, and it was so ordered.

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING

Mr. McFarland moved to introduce, at this time, and have placed on first reading, House Bill No. 1010.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—125

Alexander	Hartzog
Alsup	Heflin
Amos	Holland
Beckworth	Hoskins
Bell	Huddleston
Blankenship	Hull
Boethel	Hyder
Bond	Jackson
Boyer	Johnson of Ellis
Bradbury	Johnson
Bradford	of Tarrant
Bridgers	Jones of Angelina
Brown	Jones of Atascosa
Burton	Jones of Wise
Cagle	Kelt
Callan	Kenyon
Carssow	King
Cathey	Langdon
Cauthorn	Lankford
Celaya	Lanning
Cleveland	Leonard
Colquitt	Leyendecker
Davis of Haskell	Little
Davis of Jasper	Loggins
Davison of Fisher	London
Davison	Lucas
of Eastland	Mann
Dean	Mauritz
Deglandon	Mays
Derden	McConnell
Dickson	McCracken
Felty	McDonald
Fielden	McFarland
Fox	McKee
Fuchs	Metcalfe
Gibson	Moffett
Graves	Monkhouse
Hamilton	Morris
Hankamer	Morse
Hanna	Newton
Harbin	Oliver
Hardin	Palmer
Harper	Patterson
Harrell	of Travis
Harris of Archer	Petsch
Harris of Dallas	Powell
Harris of Dickens	Prescott

Quinn	Smith of Tarrant
Reader	Stevenson
Reed of Bowie	Stocks
Reed of Dallas	Talbert
Rhodes	Tarwater
Riddle	Tennant
Ross	Tennyson
Russell	Thornberry
Rutta	Thornton
Schuenemann	Vale
Settle	Waggoner
Sewell	Walker
Sharpe	Weldon
Simpson	Westbrook
Skaggs	Winfree
Smith of Hopkins	Wood
Smith of Matagorda	Worley

Absent

Baker	Leath
Bates	McKinney
Dollins	Patterson of Mills
England	Pope
Farmer	Ragsdale
Herzik	Roark
Jones of Falls	Shell
Keefe	Stinson
Kern	

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Keith
Broadfoot	Knetsch
Howard	Nicholson
James	

The Speaker then laid the bill before the House, it was read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. McFarland and Mr. Walker:

H. B. No. 1010, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing a County Law Library in counties in this State having three or more District Courts sitting for all of its terms or some of its terms with both civil and criminal jurisdiction, none of which have more than four terms a year and one which sits and has jurisdiction in not less than two other counties; providing a fund to be administered by the Commissioners' Court to be raised by collecting \$1.00 as costs in each case filed in any of said Courts in said county except delinquent tax suits and including all Civil and Criminal County Courts or District Courts; providing, however, that the county shall in no event be liable for any cost in any civil or criminal case; providing for a custodian or librarian and his sal-

ary; providing for housing and management, and declaring an emergency,"

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

TO GRANT PERMISSION TO SUE THE STATE

Mr. Leonard offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 71, To grant R. W. Briggs and Company permission to sue the State.

Whereas, On the 25th day of April, A. D., 1936, R. W. Briggs and Company, a corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of Texas, with its principal place of business in the City of Pharr, County of Hidalgo, Texas, entered into a contract with the State of Texas, acting by and through its State Highway Commission and State Highway Engineer for the construction of certain improvements on State Highway Nos. 2 and 44, Job No. 161 in McLennan, County, commencing at Station 0 00 in the City of Waco and extending to Station 46 63.5; and

Whereas, Said R. W. Briggs and Company, acting by virtue of said contract and in compliance with the terms and conditions thereof commenced work on said construction, and further in compliance with the terms and conditions of said contract and in compliance with the instructions of the Resident Engineer of the State Highway Department, did erect certain barricades, which barricades effectively blocked traffic on the project; and

Whereas, As a result of the erection of said barricades, one Earnest Moore, complaining of the lessening of traffic by his place of business, a filling station located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Speight and 19th, Streets in the City of Waco, instituted suit against the City of Waco, praying for damages as a result of loss of business through the lessening of said traffic, said suit being numbered 14430, in the 74th, Judicial District, styled Earnest Moore, et ux vs. City of Waco; and

Whereas, The City of Waco, acting by and through its City Attorney and Assistant City Attorneys filed a cross-action against said R. W. Briggs and Company; and

Whereas, If any damage has resulted to said Earnest Moore, said damage did not come through any negligence of said R. W. Briggs and Com-

pany, but through its compliance with the contract entered into by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its State Highway Commission and State Highway Engineer, and said R. W. Briggs and Company instructions of the Resident Engineer of the State Highway Department, which instructions were complied with by said R. W. Briggs & Company; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That said R. W. Briggs and Company, a corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal place of business in the City of Pharr, County of Hidalgo, Texas, is hereby given and granted consent and permission to implead in said Cause No. 14430 in the District Court of the 74th Judicial District, McLennan County, Texas, the Highway Commission of the State of Texas as such Commission and the State of Texas, and in the event judgment is rendered against R. W. Briggs and Company that said R. W. Briggs and Company may have judgment for a like amount over and against the Highway Commission of the State of Texas as such Commission and the State of Texas.

The resolution was read second time, and was referred, by the Speaker, to the Committee on State Affairs.

RELATIVE TO LOCAL AND UN-CONTESTED BILLS

Mr. Gibson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, A large number of local and uncontested bills remain on the calendar; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Tuesday evening, March 22, 1937, be set aside for the consideration of such bills.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

H. B. No. 487, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating an order of county school board, transferring land out of Common School District No. 113, to Independent School District No. 6, in

Wise County, and declaring an emergency."

Adopted

H. C. R. No. 69, Inviting Hon. Amine Youssef to address a Joint Session of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

ADDRESS BY DR. M. AMINE YOUSSEF

In accordance with the provisions of H. C. R. No. 69, Providing for a Joint Session of the House and Senate to hear an address by Dr. M. Amine Youssef, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of Egypt, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., today, the Honorable Senators, escorted by Honorable Bob Barker, Secretary of the Senate, were announced at the bar of the House, and being duly admitted, occupied seats prepared for them.

Lieutenant Governor Walter Woodul occupied a seat on the Speaker's stand.

Lieutenant Governor Walter Woodul called the Senate to order.

Speaker Calvert called the House to order and stated that the two Houses were in Joint Session for the purpose of hearing an address by M. Amine Youssef.

Speaker Calvert presented Lieutenant Governor Walter Woodul, who in turn introduced Dr. M. Amine Youssef.

Dr. Youssef then addressed the Joint Session, as follows:

"My friends, before I begin my address, I think it is my duty as a representative of Egypt to the United States to express in the name of my Sovereign King and my Country our greatest sympathy on this great disaster in New London.

We, my friends, consider that great America is the symbol of peace and prosperity, and we join with you in this hour of distress for the loss of these five hundred children. I feel that I am expressing the sympathy of the 16,000,000 Egyptians, who have great admiration for this Country.

My friends, you are a great nation. You have suffered in your history, but this catastrophe in the loss of these children is something that makes a severe pain in every heart, but you people of Texas who have great courage in facing events, who have made

great efforts to win your State, as an example of the activity of civilization, may hear from the Man of the Nile, his sympathy, his condolence. And, I am sure, as one who understands American character, that you will devote to the memory of these children who died, something worthy of your State.

The State's loss in these deaths will require the efforts of many men in the future, cooperating and working for the good of the State and the good of all America. I feel I am expressing your sentiment when I say it is your duty today, not only to give comfort to the families who lost their sons and daughters, because by any means you could not bring them back, and you cannot help the conditions of these sorrowing families. But there is another thing that the State of Texas requires of you, and that in the loss in the deaths of these five hundred, the efforts of five hundred Americans, it is your duty to compensate the State by working yourself to the extent that in the loss to the State of Texas, she will not feel that she has lost these five hundred, and that the souls in Heaven will feel that their countrymen did not forget them and they work at heart to help their Country.

My friends, I carry to you a message from my Country, a message of good will and friendship. We have always looked on America as an example, and we the sons of modern Egypt whom you know had a history of 10,000 years, we hope to follow in your steps. We hope to follow your example. Your ideas are instilled in us.

We are gratified that America, in spite of being a new nation is leader of the whole world to prosperity, happiness and peace, and Egypt under our New King, Fuad I, and under a constitutional parliamentary government headed by the leaders of the national government who had attained absolute independence by a treaty between Egypt and Great Britain last year, we worked out and followed on the example of the States of America, who after the war of independence had shown the world how independence clings in the minds of the people, and how the vital activities and cooperative activities will lead to a greater prosperity than we people under the Sovereignty of another nation, if we follow your example.

I consider it a great honor to my

Country that I have been asked today to address you. I do not want to take much of your time, but I tell you that in Egypt when they hear that the Legislature, both Houses of the State of Texas, the biggest State in the United States have honored the Minister of Egypt by asking him to address them, this will complete the gratitude and the friendship which we have always felt we owed you.

You are interested in the growth of cotton which our Country is interested in also. We have many things in common between you and us, not only from the agricultural point of view, which I am studying and trying to benefit by your experiences, but also in social and mental activities. We are not in competition with you, we are working for a policy by which the farmers can be better off and every one will have the real value of his crop. For the more facilities and assistance are given to the farmer, the more the country will prosper, by having our cotton sold abroad and bringing money to help the needy and the unfortunate. You, the people who represent the State of Texas, and I am speaking to every one of you, the cotton producers of the world would like to be benefited by your experiences and by your work, and to that end, we offer the world cooperation with you for making better conditions of the farming nations of different countries.

My friends, it is my duty to study about America, and I hope I shall take back with me the lessons I have learned here in Texas, to give to my Country a new message, so that in the very near future you will see the America of East Egypt cooperating with the United States for its prosperity, and happiness of the world, and I shall carry with me to my Country when I go on leave next June your friendship and your hospitality which has overwhelmed me indeed.

I feel that the American people are the model symbol of civilization which we Egyptians hope to follow and cooperate with for the good of the whole world."

Hon. Robert W. Calvert, Speaker, expressed appreciation, on the part of the House, to Dr. Youssef for the address.

SENATE RETIRES

At the conclusion of the address, the Senate retired to its Chamber.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read the following message from the Governor:

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.

To the Members of the Forty-fifth Legislature:

The House committee, composed of McKinney, Roark and Bradbury, has just officially called upon me with reference to the horrible disaster at New London, and informed me that the House is desirous of passing appropriate resolutions or legislation looking into a determination of the causes of this disaster and appropriate emergency legislation.

For your information, I have already ordered a military court of inquiry. The State Fire Marshall has sent his chief engineer, probably the best authority on such matters in the State service, to the scene of the disaster. The Railroad Commission is furnishing its engineers, and I am taking steps to secure other experts.

Of course, the military court of inquiry will have rather broad powers, and I would suggest that legislative action be deferred for a day or two until our findings can assume some form. I believe you will then be in position to pass a more appropriate resolution than at the present moment.

I assure you I will immediately advise the Legislature of any findings or developments.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES V. ALLRED,
Governor of Texas.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. John Smith, Clerk to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor, which was read to the House, as follows:

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

To the Members of the Forty-fifth Legislature:

I hereby submit to you as an emergency matter for your immediate consideration an emergency appropriation for the Attorney General's Department of the State Government, covering the items of expenditures therein enumerated amounting to \$25,000.00 to pay costs and expenses in prosecuting the suit of the State for recovery of transfer, succession and inheritance tax against the Estate of Edward H. R.

Green. I recommend that the same receive your favorable consideration.

The Attorney General has filed this suit in the Supreme Court of the United States for the collection of a sum in excess of Five Million Dollars as a tax upon the right of succession to the Estate of Edward H. R. Green, deceased. He states that there is more than a reasonable prospect of obtaining this amount for the State of Texas.

The peculiar character of this proceeding, entailing as it does the taking of testimony and depositions throughout many of the states of the United States, and requiring, as it will require, the constant attendance of that Department, will call for more and unusual expenses beyond the present appropriation, thus making it necessary to provide additional funds, as provided for in the bill herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES V. ALLRED,
Governor of Texas.

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CORRECTION IN HOUSE BILL NO. 162

Mr. Harris of Archer offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 72, Authorizing certain correction in House Bill No. 162.

Whereas, House Bill No. 162 has passed the House and the Senate; and

Whereas, Said House Bill No. 162 was amended in the Senate and the caption does not conform to the body of the bill; and

Whereas, Section 3 should be amended to conform to the Senate amendments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Enrolling Clerk of the House be instructed to make the caption of said bill conform to the body of the bill and amend Section 3 to conform to the Senate amendments.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Alexander:

H. B. No. 1011, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the maximum rate of

tax to be levied for school purposes in all independent school districts which include within their limits a city or town which according to the latest Federal Census had a population of not fewer than seven thousand and eighty (7,080) and not more than seven thousand two hundred and fifty (7,250) inhabitants, whether organized under General or Special Law; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, both General and Special, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Graves, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Fox:

H. B. No. 1012, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of \$20,000 to be used by the Attorney General for the purpose of paying costs and expenses in prosecuting the suit of the State of Texas for recovery of transfer, succession or inheritance tax against the Estate of Edward H. R. Green, under the provisions of Chapter 5, Title 122, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Derden:

H. B. No. 1013, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Health Department to be used in aiding Medical and Surgical Service and Relief to the sufferers in the New London School explosion of March 18, 1937, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADDITIONAL SIGNER OF HOUSE BILL NO. 667

By unanimous consent of the House, the following Member was authorized to sign bill, as co-author of same, as follows:

Mr. Weldon, House Bill No. 667.

RELATIVE TO EXCUSING EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Cathey offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The House will adjourn Friday, March 19th until Monday,

March 21st, in order that the greater part of the Members of the House and the Senate can attend the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the stenographers along with all other employees of the House get off all day Saturday.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Hankamer raised a point of order, on further consideration of the resolution, on the ground that the time allotted for the consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED

On motion of Mr. Reed of Dallas, Senate Bill No. 105 was ordered not printed.

SENATE BILL NO. 105 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Mr. Reed of Dallas, the Twenty-four Hour House Rule, relative to the consideration of printed bills, was suspended, at this time, for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 105.

Mr. Reed of Dallas moved that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and that Senate Bill No. 105 be placed on its second reading and passage to third reading, and on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—121

Alexander
Amos
Baker
Beckworth
Bell
Blankenship
Boethel
Bond
Boyer
Bradbury
Bradford
Bridgers
Brown
Burton
Cagle
Callan
Carssow
Cathey
Cauthorn
Cleveland
Colquitt

Davis of Haskell
Davis of Jasper
Davison of Fisher
Davisson
of Eastland
Dean
Deglandon
Derden
Dickison
England
Farmer
Felty
Fielden
Fox
Fuchs
Graves
Hamilton
Hankamer
Hanna
Hardin
Harper

Harrell	Newton
Harris of Archer	Oliver
Harris of Dallas	Patterson
Harris of Dickens	of Travis
Hartzog	Pope
Heflin	Powell
Herzik	Prescott
Holland	Ragsdale
Hoskins	Reader
Huddleston	Reed of Dallas
Hull	Rhodes
Hyder	Riddle
Jackson	Ross
Johnson of Ellis	Russell
Johnson	Rutta
of Tarrant	Settle
Jones of Angelina	Sewell
Jones of Atascosa	Sharpe
Jones of Wise	Shell
Keefe	Simpson
Kelt	Skaggs
King	Smith of Hopkins
Langdon	Smith
Lankford	of Matagorda
Lanning	Smith of Tarrant
Leath	Stinson
Leonard	Stocks
Leyendecker	Talbert
Little	Tarwater
Loggins	Tennant
London	Tennyson
Lucas	Thornberry
Mann	Thornton
Mauritz	Vale
Mays	Waggoner
McDonald	Walker
McKee	Weldon
McKinney	Westbrook
Moffett	Winfree
Monkhouse	Wood
Morris	Worley
Morse	

Present—Not Voting

McConnell

Absent

Alsup	McFarland
Bates	Metcalfe
Celaya	Palmer
Dollins	Patterson of Mills
Gibson	Petsch
Harbin	Quinn
Jones of Falls	Roark
Kenyon	Schuenemann
Kern	Stevenson
McCracken	

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Keith
Broadfoot	Knetsch
Howard	Nicholson
James	Reed of Bowie

The Speaker then laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act making certain emergency appropriations out of the General Fund of the State of Texas for the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for Negroes for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending August 31, 1937, and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect to the expenditure of said appropriations, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Reed of Dallas offered the following committee amendments to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 105, by striking out all below the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 1. That the following sums of money be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to cover emergency appropriations for the following:

- a. To the State Crippled Children's Hospital at Galveston, Texas, to pay for the furnishings and equipment of said hospital.....\$17,500.00
- b. To the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Kerrville, Texas, for salaries and maintenance for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1937 25,000.00
- c. To the Wichita Falls State Hospital:
 1. For support and maintenance to complete fiscal year \$30,000
 2. To purchase equipment for new three-story psychopathic ward 5,000

Total 35,000.00
- d. To the San Antonio State Hospital for support and maintenance to complete fiscal year ending August 31, 1937 40,000.00
- e. To the Rusk State Hospital to supplement appropriation for building and equipping of a tuberculosis ward 60,000.00

f. To Terrell State Hospital to supplement appropriation for building and equipment of two new wards now being completed.....	15,000.00
g. To Galveston State Psychopathic Hospital:	
1. Equipment for old and new additions	\$7,950
2. Ventilating system for disturbed patients' rooms on fourth floor.....	6,000
Total	13,950.00

Grand Total Eleemosynary Institutions\$206,450.00

Sec. 2. In the event any section, subdivision, paragraph or sentence of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or void, the validity of the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby; and it is hereby declared to be the policy and intent of the Legislature to enact the valid portions of this Act, notwithstanding the invalid portions.

Sec. 3. The fact that there has never been, and is not now available, any appropriation or funds for the maintenance and operation of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Kerrville, and there being hundreds of persons scattered over the State who should be admitted thereto for treatment, and the fact that the currently available appropriation for building and equipping of a tubercular ward building at the Rusk State Hospital is insufficient and said building being very much needed in order to segregate the tubercular patients at said hospital from the other patients, and the further fact that the appropriation heretofore made to equip the new three-story psychopathic ward building at the Wichita Falls State Hospital is entirely insufficient, and the further fact that the State Crippled Children's Hospital at Galveston, Texas, will be practically useless without furnishings and equipment, and the further fact that the appropriation to the Terrell State Hospital for building and equipping two new wards is insufficient and said wards are needed to care for the increased number of patients, and the further fact that the appropriation made for equipping the old and new additions at the Gal-

veston State Psychopathic Hospital is insufficient and said buildings are needed very much to care for the patients, and the further fact that the appropriation made for said hospital for the purpose of building the new buildings is insufficient to put in a ventilating system for disturbed patients' rooms on the fourth floor, which ventilating system is of great therapeutic value in psychopathic treatment, and the further fact that a supplemental appropriation for the support and maintenance is needed by the San Antonio State Hospital for the balance of the fiscal year, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity, requiring that the Constitutional Rule that bills be read on three several days be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Strike out all above the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"A Bill

To Be Entitled

An Act making certain emergency appropriations out of the General Revenue Fund of the State of Texas for the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Kerrville for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1937, for the purpose of paying salaries and maintenance; supplementing a current appropriation to the Rusk State Hospital for the building and equipping of a tubercular ward; supplementing an appropriation to the Wichita Falls State Hospital to purchase equipment for new three-story psychopathic ward building; making an appropriation to furnish and equip the State Crippled Children's Hospital at Galveston, Texas; making a supplemental appropriation to the San Antonio State Hospital for support and maintenance for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1937; making a supplemental appropriation to the Terrell State Hospital to complete the building and equipping of two new wards; and making a supplemental appropriation to the Galveston Psychopathic Hospital for the purpose of equipping the old and new additions to said hospital, and for the purpose of putting in a ventilating system for disturbed

patients' rooms on the fourth floor of the new addition of said hospital; and providing that if any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional and invalid it shall not affect the remaining parts, and declaring an emergency."

The amendments were severally adopted.

Senate Bill No. 105 was then passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 105 ON THIRD READING

The Speaker then laid Senate Bill No. 105 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—119

Alexander	Harbin
Alsup	Hardin
Amos	Harper
Baker	Harris of Archer
Bates	Harris of Dallas
Beckworth	Harris of Dickens
Blankenship	Hartzog
Boethel	Heflin
Boyer	Herzik
Bradbury	Holland
Bradford	Hoskins
Bridgers	Huddleston
Brown	Jackson
Burton	Johnson of Ellis
Cagle	Johnson
Callan	of Tarrant
Carsow	Jones of Angelina
Cathy	Jones of Atascosa
Cauthorn	Jones of Wise
Celaya	Kelt
Cleveland	King
Colquitt	Langdon
Davis of Haskell	Lankford
Davis of Jasper	Lanning
Davison of Fisher	Leath
Davison	Leonard
of Eastland	Leyendecker
Dean	Little
Deglandon	Loggins
Derden	London
England	Lucas
Farmer	Mann
Felty	Mauritz
Fielden	McConnell
Fox	McDonald
Fuchs	McKee
Gibson	Moffett
Graves	Monkhouse
Hamilton	Morris
Hankamer	Morse
Hanna	Newton

Oliver
Patterson
of Travis
Powell
Prescott
Quinn
Reader
Reed of Dallas
Rhodes
Riddle
Roark
Ross
Russell
Rutta
Schuenemann
Settle
Sharpe
Shell
Simpson
Skaggs
Smith of Hopkins

Smith
of Matagorda
Smith of Tarrant
Stevenson
Stinson
Stocks
Talbert
Tarwater
Tennant
Tennyson
Thornberry
Thornton
Vale
Waggoner
Walker
Weldon
Westbrook
Winfree
Wood
Worley

Absent

Bell	Mays
Bond	McCracken
Dickison	McFarland
Dollins	McKinney
Harrell	Metcalfe
Hull	Palmer
Hyder	Patterson of Mills
Jones of Falls	Petsch
Keefe	Pope
Kenyon	Ragsdale
Kern	Sewell

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Keith
Broadfoot	Knetsch
Howard	Nicholson
James	Reed of Bowie

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the conference committee report on House Bill No. 150 by the following vote:

Yeas, 22; Nays, 0.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 150

Mr. Quinn, Chairman, submitted the following conference committee report on House Bill No. 150:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.
Honorable Walter Woodul,
President of the Senate.

Honorable R. W. Calvert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the House and Senate on House Bill No. 150, beg leave to report that we have considered the same and recommend that it do pass in the form as attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

STONE,
ROBERTS,
BECK,
SHIVERS,
REDDITT,

On the part of the Senate.

McDONALD,
QUINN,
METCALFE,
HANKAMER,

On the part of the House.

"H. B. No. 150,

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act authorizing the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to lease for oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other mineral development all lands used as experimental stations and all other lands under its exclusive control, authorizing the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to use and/or invest funds accruing from the lease or sale of oil, gas, sulphur, and other minerals, prescribing the mode and manner of said oil, gas, sulphur and other mineral leases on said land; providing for setting up any funds accruing as a permanent fund and appropriating the income therefrom; providing that in leasing lands operated as experimental stations that the lease shall provide certain restrictions therein, and provide that the lessee of any of the experimental stations lands shall so conduct the operations as not to interfere with the Agricultural and Mechanical College operations as an experimental station, and providing that the State shall continue to operate said station for experimental purposes while same is

being operated for the development of oil or other minerals, and providing that if any part of this law shall be declared unconstitutional it shall not affect the remainder of the law, making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said Board in executing the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

"Section 1. That the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is hereby authorized and empowered to lease for oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other mineral development all lands used for experimental stations and all other lands under its exclusive control or any part thereof now owned by the State of Texas and acquired for the use of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and its divisions or that may hereafter be acquired for the use of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and its divisions. Any amounts received under and by virtue of this Act shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a Special Fund to be known as follows: "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas Special Mineral Fund", and any funds placed therein shall be appropriated by the Legislature of the State of Texas in its regular biennial appropriation bill, exclusively for Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and its branches. The amounts received by said Fund between the effective date of this Act and August 31, 1937, are hereby appropriated to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to be expended as may be determined by the Board of Directors of said College; provided, however, any royalties received shall be used exclusively for permanent improvements.

Section 2. The Board is hereby authorized to cause said lands to be surveyed and/or subdivided into such tracts, lots, or blocks as will, in their judgment, be most conducive and convenient to facilitate the advantageous sale of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals thereof and to make such maps and plats as may be thought necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. The Board is further authorized to obtain authentic abstracts of title to all of said lands as they may deem necessary from time to time and to take such steps as may

be necessary to perfect a merchantable title to said lands in the State of Texas.

Section 3. Whenever, in the opinion of the Board, there shall be such a demand for the purchase of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other mineral leases on any tract or part of any tract of land as will reasonably insure an advantageous sale, the Board shall place such oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals leased on said land on the market in such tract or tracts, or any part thereof, as the Board may designate. It shall cause to be advertised a brief description of the land from which the oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals is proposed to be sold and that sealed bids for the purchase of said oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals by lease will be opened at a designated day at ten o'clock a. m., of said day. All sealed bids received up to that time may be considered. Said advertisements shall be made by insertion in two or more papers of general circulation in this State and in addition the Board may in its discretion cause said advertisement to be placed in oil and gas journals published in and out of the State and also mail copies of such proposals generally to such persons as the Board might think would be interested therein.

Section 4. All bids shall be directed to the said Board in care of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station, Texas, and shall be retained by the Chairman of said Board until the day designated for the opening of bids and upon that day said Board, or any majority of its members, shall open said bids and shall list and file and register all bids and money received. A separate bid shall be made for each tract, or subdivision thereof. No bids shall be accepted which offer a royalty of less than one-eighth (1-8) of the gross production of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur in the land bid upon and this minimum royalty may be increased at the discretion of the Board. Every bid shall carry the obligation to pay an amount not less than one dollar per acre for delay in drilling or development; such amount to be fixed by the Board in advance of the advertisement and shall be paid every year for five years unless in the meantime

production in paying quantities is had upon the land.

Section 5. Every bid shall be accompanied by a payment equal to the minimum price fixed on the land per acre for the delay in drilling if the bid is accepted. The bid shall further indicate the royalty the bidder is willing to pay which royalty shall not be less than one-eighth (1-8) of the gross production of oil or gas and/or sulphur produced from the land leased. The bid shall further name such amount as the bidder may be willing to pay as a cash bonus in addition to the royalty and in the annual payment herein provided for, and shall be accompanied by cash or checks to cover said amounts.

Section 6. If in the opinion of the Board any one of the bidders shall have offered a reasonable and proper price for any tract and not less than the price fixed by the Board, the lands advertised may be leased for oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other mineral purposes under the terms of this Act, and such regulations as the Board may prescribe, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act. If after any bidding by sealed bids, the Board should reject all bids, as it is hereby authorized to do, it may thereafter offer for sale and sell a lease on the oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals in said lands by open public auction at a price greater than the price offered by the sealed bids. All bids may be rejected. In the event of no sale at public auction any subsequent procedure for the sale of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other mineral leases shall be in the manner above provided. Provided that no lease for oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals shall be made by said Board which will permit the drilling or mining for oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals within less than 300 feet of any building on said land, without the consent of the Board, and further providing that in making any lease on any experimental Station the lease shall provide that the operations for oil, gas and other minerals shall not in any way interfere with the land as an experimental station and shall not cause the abandonment of said property or its use for experimental farm purposes, and the lessee operating said property shall drill and carry on his operations in such a

way as not to cause the abandonment of said property for experimental farm purposes and any such leased property shall be subject to the use by the State of Texas for all experimental purposes.

Section 7. If the Board shall determine that a satisfactory bid has been received for said oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals it shall accept the same and reject all other bids and file said accepted bid in the General Land Office. Whenever the royalties shall amount to as much as the yearly payments as fixed by the Board, the yearly payment may be discontinued. If before the expiration of five years oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals shall not have been produced in paying quantities, the lease shall terminate, unless extended as hereinafter provided.

Section 8. (a) If the Board shall determine that a satisfactory bid has been received for said oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals, it will make an award to the applicant offering the highest price therefor, and a lease shall be filed in the General Land Office.

(b) The exploratory term of the lease as determined by the Board prior to the promulgation of the advertisement shall in no case exceed five (5) years, and each lease shall provide that the lease will terminate at the expiration of its exploratory term, unless by unanimous vote of members of the Board such lease may be extended for a period of five (5) years, which lease may be extended where the Board finds that there is likelihood of oil and/or sulphur and/or other minerals being discovered thereon by lessees, and that such leases have proceeded with diligence to protect the interest of the State; provided, however, that if oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals is being produced in paying quantities from the premises, said lease shall continue in force and effect as long as such oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals are being so produced. Provided, that no extension hereunder may be made by the Board until the last thirty days of the original term of the lease. The lease shall include such additional provisions and regulations as the Board may prescribe to preserve the interest of the State, but not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

(c) Whenever in the discretion of said Board, it is deemed for the best interest of the State to extend a lease issued by said Board, the Board is hereby granted and given full authority by unanimous vote to extend said lease for a period not to exceed five (5) years, upon the condition that the lessee shall continue to pay yearly rental as provided in the lease and such additional terms as the Board may see fit and proper to demand. The Board is hereby given full authority to extend such lease and execute an extension agreement therefor.

Section 9. If during the term of any lease issued under the provisions of this Act the lessee shall be engaged in actual drilling operations for the discovery of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals on land covered by any such lease, no rentals shall be payable as to the tract on which such operations are being conducted so long as such operations are proceeding in good faith; and in the event oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals are discovered in paying quantities on any tract of land covered by any such lease, then the lease as to such tract shall remain in force so long as oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals are produced in paying quantities from such tract. In the event of the discovery of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals on any tract covered by a lease issued hereunder or on any land adjoining same, the lessee shall conduct such operations as may be necessary to prevent drainage from the tract covered by such lease to properly develop the same, to the extent that a reasonably prudent operator would do under the same and similar circumstances.

Section 10. Title to all rights purchased may be held by the owners so long as the area produces oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals in paying quantities. All rights purchased may be assigned. All assignments shall be filed in the General Land Office within one hundred days from the date of the first acknowledgment thereof, accompanied by ten cents per acre for each acre assigned and if not so filed and payment made, the assignment shall not be effective. All rights to any whole tract or to any assigned portion thereof may be relinquished to the State at any time by having an instrument of relinquishment recorded in the county or coun-

ties in which the area may be situated, and filed with the Chairman of the Board accompanied with one dollar for each area assigned, but such assignment shall not relieve the owner of any past due obligations theretofore accrued thereon. The Board shall authorize the laying of pipe line, telephone line, and the opening of such roads as may be deemed reasonably necessary for and incident to the purpose of this Act.

Section 11. If oil or other minerals are developed on any of the lands leased by the Board, the royalty as stipulated in the sale shall be paid to the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, on or before the 20th day of each succeeding month for the preceding month during the life of the rights purchased, and be set aside in the State Treasury as specified in Section 1 hereof, and said funds may be used as therein provided. Said royalty paid to the General Land Office as above stipulated shall be accompanied by the sworn statement of the owner, manager, or other authorized agent showing the gross amount of oil and/or sulphur and/or other minerals produced and saved since the last report and the amount of gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals produced and sold off the premises and the market value of the oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals together with a copy of all daily gauges or vats, tanks, gas meter readings, pipe line receipts, gas line receipts, and other checks and memoranda of the amounts produced and put into pipe lines, tanks, vats, or pool and gas lines or gas storage. The books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, vats, pools, meters, pipe lines, and all contracts and other records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination of any member of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas or any duly authorized representative of said Board. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall tender to the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at the close of each month a report of all receipts from the lease or sale of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals turned into the Special Fund in the State Treasury.

Section 12. In every case where the area in which oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals sold shall be contiguous or adjacent to lands which are not lands belonging to and held by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, the acceptance of the bid and the sale made thereby shall constitute an obligation on the owner thereof to adequately protect the land leased from drainage from said adjacent lands to the extent that a reasonably prudent operator would do under the same and similar circumstances. In cases where the area in which the oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals are sold is contiguous to other lands belonging to and held by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas which have been leased or sold at a lesser royalty, the owner shall likewise protect said land from drainage from the lands so leased or sold for a lesser royalty. Upon failure to protect the land from drainage as herein provided the sale and all rights thereunder may be forfeited by the Board in the manner elsewhere provided for forfeitures.

Section 13. If the owner of the rights acquired under this Act shall fail or refuse to make the payments of any sum due thereon, either as rental or royalty on the production, within thirty days after the same shall become due, or if such owner or his authorized agent should make any false return or false report concerning production, royalty or drilling or mining or if such owner shall fail or refuse to drill any off-set well or wells in good faith, as required by his lease, or if such owner or his agent should refuse the proper authority access to the records and other data pertaining to the operations under this Act, or if such owner, or his authorized agent, should fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authorities, or fail or refuse to furnish the log of any well within thirty days after production is found in paying quantities, or if any of the material terms of the lease should be violated, such lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Board by an order entered upon the minutes of the Board reciting the facts constituting the default, and declaring the forfeiture. The Board may, if it so desires, have suit instituted for forfeiture through the Attorney General of the State. Upon proper showing by the forfeiting owner, within

thirty days after the declaration of forfeiture, the lease may, at the discretion of the Board and upon such terms as it may prescribe, be reinstated. In case of violation by the owner of the lease contract, the remedy of the State by forfeiture shall not be the exclusive remedy but suit for damages or specific performance, or both, may be instituted. The State shall have a first lien upon oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals produced upon the leased area, and upon all rigs, tanks, vats, pipe lines, telephone lines, and machinery and appliances used in the production and handling of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other minerals produced thereon, to secure any amount due from the owner of the said lease.

Section 14. All surveys, files, records, copies of sale and lease contracts and all other records pertaining to the sales and leases hereby authorized shall be filed in the General Land Office and constitute archives thereof. Payment hereunder shall be made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, who shall transmit to the State Treasurer all royalties, lease fees, rentals for delay in drilling or mining and all other payments, including all filing assignments and relinquishment fees hereunder, to be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Section 15. The Board shall adopt proper forms and regulations, rules and contracts as will in its best judgment protect the income from lands leased hereunder. A majority of the Board shall have power to act in all cases, except where otherwise herein provided. The Board may reject any and all bids and shall have the further right to withdraw any lands advertised for lease prior to receiving and opening bids.

Section 16. The expenses of executing the provisions of this Act shall be paid by warrants drawn by the Comptroller of the State on the State Treasurer, and for that purpose the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated until September 1, 1937, after which time expenses of executing the provisions of this Act shall be paid by warrants drawn by the

Comptroller of the State on the State Treasurer against the income from the special fund accumulated from leases, rentals, royalties, and other payments.

Section 17. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or sentence in this Act is declared to be unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the remaining portions of this Act.

Section 18. The fact that there is no law authorizing the sale of oil and/or gas and/or sulphur and/or other mineral leases on lands belonging to and held by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and its divisions acquired for special purposes, other than the University lands, and the further fact that some of these lands have valuable mineral rights which if properly conserved would be of great financial benefit in furthering the purposes for which the land was acquired, or may be acquired, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Mr. Quinn moved that the conference committee report be adopted.

Mr. Wood moved that further consideration on the conference committee report be postponed until 10:00 o'clock a. m., next Wednesday.

Mr. Quinn moved to table the motion to postpone.

The motion to table was lost.

Question recurring on the motion to postpone further consideration of the conference committee report until 10:00 o'clock a. m., next Wednesday, it prevailed.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED

On motion of Mr. Derden, House Bill No. 1013, was ordered not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1013 ON SECOND READING

Mr. Derden moved that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and that House Bill No. 1013 be placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment, and on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—117

Alexander	Lankford
Alsup	Lanning
Amos	Leonard
Baker	Leyendecker
Beckworth	Little
Bell	Loggins
Blankenship	London
Boethel	Lucas
Bond	Mann
Boyer	Mays
Bradbury	McConnell
Bridgers	McCracken
Brown	McDonald
Burton	McKee
Cagle	McKinney
Callan	Metcalfe
Carssow	Moffett
Cathey	Monkhouse
Cauthorn	Morris
Celaya	Morse
Cleveland	Newton
Colquitt	Oliver
Davis of Jasper	Palmer
Davison of Fisher	Patterson
Davisson	of Travis
of Eastland	Powell
Dean	Prescott
Deglandon	Quinn
Derden	Reader
Dickison	Reed of Dallas
England	Rhodes
Felty	Riddle
Fielden	Roark
Fox	Ross
Graves	Russell
Hamilton	Rutta
Hankamer	Schuenemann
Hanna	Settle
Harbin	Sewell
Hardin	Sharpe
Harper	Shell
Harris of Archer	Simpson
Harris of Dallas	Skaggs
Harris of Dickens	Smith of Hopkins
Hartzog	Smith
Heflin	of Matagorda
Herzik	Smith of Tarrant
Holland	Stinson
Hoskins	Stocks
Huddleston	Talbert
Jackson	Tennant
Johnson of Ellis	Tennyson
Johnson	Thornton
of Tarrant	Vale
Jones of Atascosa	Waggoner
Jones of Wise	Walker
Keefe	Weldon
Kelt	Winfree
Kenyon	Wood
King	Worley
Langdon	

Present—Not Voting

Westbrook

Absent

Bates	Jones of Falls
Bradford	Kern
Davis of Haskell	Leath
Dollins	Mauritz
Farmer	McFarland
Fuchs	Patterson of Mills
Gibson	Petsch
Harrell	Pope
Hull	Ragsdale
Hyder	Stevenson
Jones of Angelina	Thornberry

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Knetsch
Broadfoot	Nicholson
Howard	Reed of Bowie
James	Tarwater
Keith	

The Speaker then laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 1013, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Health Department to be used in aiding Medical and Surgical Service and Relief to the sufferers in the New London School explosion of March 18, 1937, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1013 ON THIRD READING

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 1013 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—122

Alexander	Callan
Alsup	Carssow
Amos	Cathey
Baker	Cauthorn
Beckworth	Celaya
Bell	Cleveland
Blankenship	Colquitt
Boethel	Davis of Haskell
Boyer	Davis of Jasper
Bradbury	Davison of Fisher
Bridgers	Davisson
Burton	of Eastland
Cagle	Dean

Deglandon	McKee
Derden	McKinney
Dickison	Metcalfe
England	Moffett
Farmer	Monkhouse
Felty	Morris
Fielden	Morse
Fox	Newton
Graves	Oliver
Hamilton	Palmer
Hankamer	Patterson
Hanna	of Travis
Harbin	Powell
Hardin	Prescott
Harper	Quinn
Harrell	Ragsdale
Harris of Archer	Reader
Harris of Dallas	Reed of Dallas
Harris of Dickens	Rhodes
Hartzog	Roark
Heflin	Ross
Herzik	Russell
Holland	Rutta
Hoskins	Schuenemann
Huddleston	Settle
Jackson	Sewell
Johnson of Ellis	Sharpe
Johnson	Shell
of Tarrant	Simpson
Jones of Angelina	Skaggs
Jones of Atascosa	Smith of Hopkins
Jones of Wise	Smith
Kelt	of Matagorda
Kenyon	Smith of Tarrant
King	Stinson
Langdon	Stocks
Lankford	Talbert
Lanning	Tarwater
Leath	Tennant
Leonard	Tennyson
Leyendecker	Thornberry
Little	Thornton
Loggins	Vale
London	Waggoner
Lucas	Walker
Mann	Weldon
Mays	Westbrook
McConnell	Winfree
McCracken	Wood
McDonald	Worley

Absent

Bates	Keefe
Bond	Kern
Bradford	Mauritz
Brown	McFarland
Dollins	Patterson of Mills
Fuchs	Petsch
Gibson	Pope
Hull	Riddle
Hyder	Stevenson
Jones of Falls	

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Keith
Broadfoot	Knetsch
Howard	Nicholson
James	Reed of Bowie

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
SIGNED BY THE
SPEAKER

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

H. B. No. 457, "An Act prohibiting the taking, trapping or killing of raccoons and mink in the County of Guadalupe for a period of three (3) years; providing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 487, "An Act validating an order of county school board, transferring land out of Common School District No. 113, to Independent School District No. 6, in Wise County, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 506, "An Act making it unlawful to take or catch in any manner from any of the public waters, rivers, creeks, or lakes in Gonzales County, any bass, crappie, perch, calico bass, bream, or catfish of any variety, or to have in his possession or retain in any way any bass, crappie, perch, calico bass, bream, or catfish of any variety caught or taken from such waters during certain months; and fixing a penalty for violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 52, To permit the erection of a cold drink stand in the Walton State Building.

H. C. R. No. 69, Inviting M. Amine Youssef to address a Joint Session.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House the Senate has refused to concur in House amendments to Senate Bill No. 247 and requests the appointment of a conference committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses.

The following have been appointed on the part of the Senate:

Senators Aikin, Woodruff, Newton, Beck and Spears.

Senate has granted the request of the House for a conference committee on House Bill No. 131 to adjust the differences between the two Houses—(committee to be appointed later)

Adopted

H. C. R. No. 70, Requesting the appointment of a committee to investigate the explosion at New London, Texas. (With amendment.)

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 586 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Davisson of Eastland called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments.

H. B. No. 586, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the subject matter embraced in Section 3, Section 4, Section 7, Section 13 and Section 19 of Chapter 482, Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Third Called Session, and adding a new section to be known as Section 17-A authorizing the Commission to make reciprocal arrangements with other States and the Federal Government with respect to wages earned and benefits accumulated by employees in other States, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Davisson of Eastland, the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

Yeas—111

Alexander	Davis of Jasper
Alsup	Davison of Fisher
Amos	Davisson
Bates	of Eastland
Beckworth	Dean
Bell	Deglandon
Blankenship	Derden
Bond	Dickison
Boyer	England
Bradbury	Farmer
Bridgers	Felty
Brown	Fox
Burton	Fuchs
Callan	Gibson
Carssow	Graves
Cathey	Hamilton
Cauthorn	Hanna
Cleveland	Harper
Colquitt	Harrell
Davis of Haskell	Harris of Archer

Harris of Dallas	Newton
Harris of Dickens	Oliver
Hartzog	Patterson
Heflin	of Travis
Herzik	Powell
Holland	Prescott
Huddleston	Ragsdale
Jackson	Reed of Dallas
Johnson of Ellis	Rhodes
Jones of Angelina	Riddle
Jones of Atascosa	Roark
Jones of Wise	Ross
Keefe	Russell
Kelt	Rutta
Kenyon	Schuenemann
King	Settle
Langdon	Sewell
Lankford	Sharpe
Lanning	Simpson
Leath	Skaggs
Leonard	Smith of Hopkins
Leyendecker	Smith
Little	of Matagorda
Loggins	Smith of Tarrant
London	Stocks
Lucas	Talbert
Mann	Tennant
Mays	Tennyson
McConnell	Thornberry
McDonald	Thornton
McKee	Waggoner
McKinney	Walker
Metcalfe	Weldon
Moffett	Westbrook
Monkhouse	Winfree
Morris	Wood
Morse	Worley

Nays—6

Boethel	Hardin
Cagle	Pope
Hankamer	Shell

Absent

Baker	Kern
Bradford	Mauritz
Celaya	McCracken
Dollins	McFarland
Fielden	Palmer
Harbin	Patterson of Mills
Hoskins	Petsch
Hull	Quinn
Hyder	Reader
Johnson	Stevenson
of Tarrant	Stinson
Jones of Fulls	Vale

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Knetsch
Broadfoot	Nicholson
Howard	Reed of Bowie
James	Tarwater
Keith	

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Gibson called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments.

H. C. R. No. 70, Providing for committee to investigate conditions in New London, Texas.

The Speaker laid the resolution before the House with the Senate amendments.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Members of the committee to investigate the causes of the catastrophe at New London, Texas:

Mr. Gibson, Mr. Leath, Mr. Tenant and Mr. Wood.

HOUSE BILL NO. 712 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Mr. London, the regular order of business was suspended, at this time, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 712, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Montague County, Texas, providing that said County may fund or refund designated interest-bearing time warrants in an amount not exceeding \$11,500.00 and designated scrip warrants in an amount not exceeding \$88,500.00, outstanding against its road and bridge fund as of February 15, 1937, by the issuance of funding bonds, and setting forth the method of issuing same; . . . etc., and declaring and emergency."

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 712 before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. London offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House Bill No. 712, by striking out all of Section 4 of said bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith insofar as they conflict herewith are hereby repealed; Senate Bill No. 352 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature is hereby expressly repealed."

The amendment was adopted.

By unanimous consent of the House, the caption of the bill was ordered amended to conform to all changes and with the body of the bill.

House Bill No. 712 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 712 ON THIRD READING

Mr. London moved that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and that House Bill No. 712 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—114

Alexander	Hoskins
Alsup	Huddleston
Amos	Jackson
Baker	Johnson of Ellis
Bates	Johnson
Beckworth	of Tarrant
Bell	Jones of Angelina
Blankenship	Jones of Wise
Boethel	Keefe
Bond	Kelt
Boyer	Kenyon
Bradbury	King
Bridgers	Langdon
Brown	Lankford
Burton	Lanning
Cagle	Leath
Callan	Leonard
Carsow	Leyendecker
Cathey	Little
Cauthorn	Loggins
Cleveland	London
Colquitt	Lucas
Davis of Haskell	Mann
Davis of Jasper	Mauritz
Davisson	Mays
of Eastland	McConnell
Dean	McCracken
Deglandon	McDonald
Derden	McKee
Dickison	McKinney
England	Metcalfe
Farmer	Moffett
Felty	Monkhouse
Fielden	Morris
Fox	Morse
Gibson	Newton
Hamilton	Oliver
Hankamer	Patterson
Hanna	of Travis
Harper	Pope
Harrell	Powell
Harris of Archer	Quinn
Harris of Dallas	Ragsdale
Harris of Dickens	Reed of Dallas
Heflin	Rhodes
Holland	Roark

Ross	Stinson
Russell	Stocks
Rutta	Talbert
Schuenemann	Tennant
Settle	Tennyson
Sewell	Thornberry
Shell	Thornton
Simpson	Waggoner
Skaggs	Walker
Smith of Hopkins	Weldon
Smith	Westbrook
of Matagorda	Wood
Smith of Tarrant	Worley

Nays—2

Hardin	Prescott
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Absent

Bradford	Jones of Falls
Celaya	Kern
Davison of Fisher	McFarland
Dollins	Palmer
Fuchs	Patterson of Mills
Graves	Petsch
Harbin	Reader
Hartzog	Riddle
Herzik	Sharpe
Hull	Stevenson
Hyder	Vale
Jones of Atascosa	Winfree

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Knetsch
Broadfoot	Nicholson
Howard	Reed of Bowie
James	Tarwater
Keith	

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 712 before the House on third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—115

Alexander	Cauthorn
Alsup	Cleveland
Amos	Colquitt
Baker	Davis of Haskell
Bates	Davis of Jasper
Bell	Davisson
Blankenship	of Eastland
Boethel	Dean
Bond	Deglandon
Boyer	Derden
Bradbury	Dickison
Bridgers	England
Brown	Farmer
Burton	Felty
Cagle	Fielden
Callan	Fox
Carssow	Fuchs
Cathey	Gibson

Graves	Moffett
Hamilton	Monkhouse
Hankamer	Morris
Hanna	Morse
Harbin	Newton
Hardin	Oliver
Harper	Patterson
Harris of Archer	of Travis
Harris of Dallas	Pope
Harris of Dickens	Powell
Heflin	Prescott
Holland	Quinn
Hoskins	Ragsdale
Huddleston	Reed of Dallas
Jackson	Rhodes
Johnson of Ellis	Roark
Johnson	Ross
of Tarrant	Russell
Jones of Angelina	Rutta
Jones of Wise	Schuenemann
Keefe	Settle
Kelt	Sewell
Kenyon	Shell
King	Simpson
Langdon	Skaggs
Lankford	Smith of Hopkins
Lanning	Smith of Tarrant
Leath	Stevenson
Leonard	Stinson
Leyendecker	Stocks
Little	Talbert
Loggins	Tennant
London	Tennyson
Lucas	Thornberry
Mann	Thornton
Mauritz	Waggoner
Mays	Walker
McConnell	Weldon
McDonald	Westbrook
McKee	Wood
Metcalfe	Worley

Absent

Beckworth	McCracken
Bradford	McFarland
Celaya	McKinney
Davison of Fisher	Palmer
Dollins	Patterson of Mills
Harrell	Petsch
Hartzog	Reader
Herzik	Riddle
Hull	Sharpe
Hyder	Smith
Jones of Atascosa	of Matagorda
Jones of Falls	Vale
Kern	Winfree

Absent—Excused

Adkins	Knetsch
Broadfoot	Nicholson
Howard	Reed of Bowie
James	Tarwater
Keith	

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read the following communication:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

It is my desire to take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation to you for your kind expression of sympathy to me and for the beautiful flowers you sent me during my recent confinement in Seton Infirmary.

Sincerely,

JOHN BELL.

CONCERNING ADDRESS BY
HONORABLE JAMES
A. FARLEY

Mr. Jones of Falls offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 73, Concerning address by the Hon. James A. Farley.

Whereas, The Honorable James A. Farley, Postmaster General of the United States, has been asked to address a Joint Session of the House and Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1937, at 10:00 a. m.; and

Whereas, Postmaster General Farley, due to the fact that he has a number of engagements to fill and must go right on, has requested that the time of his address be changed to 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday, March 24, 1937; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the time requested by the Honorable James A. Farley, 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday, March 24, 1937, be granted him.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.
Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has, in compliance with the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 70, appointed the following committee:

Senators Hill, Pace, Redditt, Beck.

Senate has concurred in House amendments to Senate Bill No. 105 by the following vote: Yeas, 26; Nays, 0.

Has passed

H. B. No. 447, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Taylor-Callahan

Counties Road District Number 7, embracing lands in the Counties of Taylor and Callahan, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson of Ellis moved that the House recess to 2:00 o'clock p. m., today.

Mr. Harris of Dallas moved that the House adjourn until 10:00 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

Question first recurring on the motion by Mr. Harris of Dallas, it prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12:00 o'clock m., adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

APPENDIX**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills and resolutions, as follows:

Agriculture: House Bill No. 24.

Appropriations: House Bill No. 1013; Senate Bill No. 105.

Constitutional Amendments: House Joint Resolution No. 18.

Game and Fisheries: House Bills Nos. 407 and 414.

Municipal and Private Corporations: House Bills No. 736, 819, 820, 821 and 824.

Revenue and Taxation: House Bill No. 667; House Simple Resolution No. 141.

State Affairs: House Bills Nos. 144 and 526.

The Committee on Revenue and Taxation filed an adverse report on House Bill No. 722.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that Senate Bill

No. 146, Chapter 181, Subsection (2) of Section 12, enacted by the Regular Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, be amended by eliminating said Subsection (2) and further providing for fifteen captains, twenty sergeants and three hundred privates in the Texas State Highway Patrol, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that the Board of Insurance Commissioners shall require any corporation, person, firm, association, local mutual aid association, or any local organization, company or organization to have a permit or certificate of authority in order to carry on any insurance business; providing that the Commissioner of Insurance shall make known to the Attorney General of the State of Texas any violation of this Act, said Attorney General to institute proceedings to restrain those named from writing any insurance of any kind or character without such permit or exemption certificate; providing that any of the organizations, companies, firms, corporation, lodges, societies, associations, orders or persons exempt from the provisions of Senate Bill No. 220, Acts, 1929, Regular Session, Forty-first Legislature of Texas, as amended herein, as well as county mutual fire insurance associations organized and operating prior to the repeal of Article 4916, Chapter 10, Title 71 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and operating continuously to the present shall not be required to have a permit, but shall be required to secure an exemption certificate; defining a misdemeanor and prescribing a penalty repealing Section 2a of House Bill No. 373, Acts, Regular Session, Forty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, 1935; amending Section 29 of Senate Bill No. 220, Acts, Regular Session, Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, 1929; amending Article 4857 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925; providing that those affected by this Act claiming to be

exempt from securing a license or permit to carry on an insurance business shall annually file with the Board of Insurance Commissioners a report in such form as may be required by said Board of Commissioners, setting forth the exempt character of such business and such other information as is required; providing that the Board of Insurance Commissioners, upon examination of such report and finding such business to be of exempt character, shall issue a certificate of exemption; providing a filing fee to accompany reports and fee for certificate of exemption, and appropriating all fees collected under this bill to be a special and separate fund to be used by said Board of Insurance Commissioners for expenses connected with the enforcement of this law; providing a saving clause, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 296, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the amendment of Article 1848 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts of the Forty-second Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 64, page 98 in Section 1 as amended by the Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 90, page 225 in Section 1, so as to provide that litigants may have more time to file their briefs after the filing of the transcript in the Appellate Courts, and providing for the equalization of opportunity for filing briefs as between appellant and appellee, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 326, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining indigent and non-indigent patients in state and psychopathic hospitals, providing for

their support and that the State be reimbursed for the support, maintenance and treatment of non-indigent patients; declaring who are liable for the support, maintenance and treatment of non-indigent patients, providing that the State Board of Control may demand and conduct investigations in the County Court to determine the ability of patients or those liable for their support to pay therefor, authorizing contracts for the support, maintenance and treatment of patients in state and psychopathic hospitals, and providing that suits may be instituted to collect for the support, maintenance and treatment of patients, and that the County and District Attorneys shall represent the State in such suits and prescribing the fee for so doing, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 348, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 5 of Chapter 130, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-third Legislature, as amended by the Acts of 1934, Fourth Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature, so as to extend the time within which the contracts, bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness authorized by said Chapter 130, as amended, shall not be issued or executed after the Thirty-first day of December, 1937, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 449, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subsection 62, Article 199, Title 8, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, revision; and to re-arrange, and re-create the 62nd Judicial District of Texas; to re-arrange, change and prescribe the terms of holding District

Court in the 62nd Judicial District; to add Franklin County to the 62nd Judicial District of Texas; and providing that the 8th and 62nd Judicial District Courts in Hunt County and Delta County, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with each other in said counties respectively throughout the respective limits thereof, of all matters, civil and criminal, of which jurisdiction is given to the District Court by the Constitution and laws of the State; and providing that the 6th and 62nd Judicial District Courts in Lamar County shall have concurrent jurisdiction with each other in said County throughout the limits thereof, of all matters, civil and criminal, of which jurisdiction is given to the District Court by the Constitution and laws of the State; and providing that the 76th and 62nd Judicial District Courts in Franklin County shall have concurrent jurisdiction with each other in said County throughout the limits thereof, of all matters, civil and criminal, of which jurisdiction is given to the District Court by the Constitution and laws of the State; . . . etc., and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 488, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 881a-37, Revised Civil Statutes, 1935 Supplement, as amended by Acts, 1935, Forty-fourth Legislature, page 159, Chapter 68, Section 2, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 489, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 392, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1935, Forty-fourth

Legislature, page 21, Chapter 6, Section 1, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 491, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4766, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1935, Forty-fourth Legislature, page 24, Chapter 8, Section 1, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 493, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 416, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1935, Forty-fourth Legislature, page 26, Chapter 9, Section 1, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 494, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4993, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1935, Forty-fourth Legislature, page 31, Chapter 11, Section 1, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4941, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Acts, 1935, Forty-fourth

Legislature, page 20, Chapter 5, Section 1, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 525, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the purpose of the Legislature in enacting this Bill; creating the Texas Home for Colored Orphans and providing for the maintenance of such home at or near Gilmer, Texas, in the County of Upshur, upon a site or tract of land heretofore donated by the Dickson Colored Orphans, Inc., to and accepted by the State of Texas; repealing Sections 2 and 7 of Chapter 21, Acts of the Forty-first Legislature, Third Called Session, and all other laws and parts of laws in so far as they conflict with the provisions of this Act or its purpose to continue the maintenance of a negro orphan's home upon that tract of land donated to the State of Texas located in Gilmer, Upshur County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 563, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the use of any trap, seine, or net of any kind for the purpose of taking or catching any fish in Bell County for a period of two years from and after the effective date of this Act; providing, however, that this Act shall not prohibit the use of a minnow seine in such County, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 572, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2544, R.

G. S. of Texas, 1925, Article 2545, R. C. S. of Texas, 1925, Article 2546, R. C. S. of Texas, 1925, Article 2547, R. C. S. of Texas, 1925, as amended by Chapter 129, Acts, Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 11, Acts, Forty-first Legislature, as amended by Chapter 19, Acts, Forty-third Legislature, as amended by Chapter 66, Acts, Forty-third Legislature; . . . etc., and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 584, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners Court in any county having a population of less than 35,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal Census and having an assessed property valuation exceeding \$70,000,000.00 according to the approved tax rolls for the preceding year to allow each County Commissioner the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per month for traveling expenses providing for the source of payment of such expenses and providing for filing of itemized accounts, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 598, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2700 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, increasing the allowance for office and traveling expenses for County Superintendent of Rusk County to not exceeding \$900.00 per annum, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled

"An Act providing for the organization of cooperative, non-profit, membership corporations for the purpose of engaging in rural electrification; defining terms; defining the powers and duties of such corporations; providing for the number of incorporators; providing the manner in which such corporations may be organized and prescribing the contents of the articles of incorporation; prohibiting the use of the words 'Electric Cooperative' by other corporations; providing for the execution, filing and recording of articles of incorporation and for the renewal of articles of incorporation; . . . etc., and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 602, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3899 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Chapter 220, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-third Legislature, and as amended by Chapter 311, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, and as amended by Chapter 465, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature; providing that County Attorneys who perform the duties of District Attorneys in certain counties may incur certain expenses in investigating crime and accumulating evidence in criminal cases, and for the payment for mileage traveled by said County Attorneys in automobiles furnished by them in the discharge of their official duties; providing that this Act shall be cumulative of all laws not in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 603, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate money from the General Revenue Fund to pay judgment for the sum of Twelve Hun-

dred (\$1,200.00) Dollars against the State of Texas in favor of R. L. Winder in cause No. 52982 in the 126th District Court of Travis County, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 605, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1813, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, so as to add thereto a provision for the appointment of a Special Commissioner to serve with and assist a Court of Civil Appeals where a member thereof shall be totally disabled by illness, physical or mental; providing for the appointment of such Special Commissioner by the Governor under certain defined circumstances; defining the duties, compensation, and term of office of such Special Commissioner; providing that if any part of this Act is held unconstitutional, the valid portion of the same was intended to be enacted, and providing for an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Section 11 of Article 7152, Title 122 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 629, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the islands in Galveston Bay, known as Vingtune Islands, as a wildlife sanctuary and

prohibiting the molestation of any birds found on said islands; providing a penalty for violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 661, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring certain months closed to fishing in Jones and Shackelford Counties; providing means and methods of taking and possessing fish from the fresh waters of said Counties; prohibiting the sale of fish taken from fresh waters of said Counties; prescribing the bag limit that may be taken in any one day and declaring fish under certain sizes shall be returned to the water which they were taken; providing that any person who violates provisions of this Act to be guilty of a misdemeanor, fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 730, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the amount that may be allowed by County Boards of Trustees to the County Superintendents of Public Instruction for expenditures for office and traveling expenses in certain counties according to the last preceding Federal Census; repealing all laws and parts of laws, General or Special in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 750, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chap-

ter 144, Acts, Regular Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, page 383 of the Compiled Laws of said Session; providing the open season for the killing of wild mourning doves; and providing that it be lawful to hunt, take or kill wild mourning doves during the months of October and November in the Counties of Chambers, Jefferson and Orange, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 757, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for an open season to hunt, take or kill wild mourning doves in Cherokee County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 765, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2350 by adding thereto another section to be designated as Article 2350 (4), providing for the salaries of members of the Commissioners' Court in counties with a population bracket of between sixteen thousand (16,000) and sixteen thousand and forty (16,040), and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 781, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section One of Chapter 127, page 215, Acts, Regular Session, Forty-second Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 782, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2746, Chapter 13, Revised Civil Statutes, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 809, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the setting of any steel trap, snare, or deadfall in Colorado County for the purpose of taking any fur bearing animals for a period of two years; providing certain exceptions; repealing all laws in so far as they conflict with this Act; providing a penalty for violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 810, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make it unlawful to take, hunt, trap, shoot, or kill any wild turkey for a period of five years in Austin County, Texas; fixing penalties, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 883, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the payment of the premiums for the official bonds of certain designated elective and appointive district and county officers in counties of more than 190,000 population, according to the last preceding Federal Census, and providing for the

payment of the premiums of the official bonds of such officers out of the General Fund and/or Officers Salary Funds of such counties, and repealing all laws or parts of laws, Special and General, in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 909, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the name of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children to be hereafter known as Waco State Home, and creating an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 935, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7256, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 16, Acts of the First Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature, so as to provide that in counties having a population of seventy thousand (70,000) or more and less than seventy-seven thousand (77,000), according to the last Federal Census, and containing one or more cities or towns other than the county seat, which has in excess of one thousand (1,000) inhabitants, according to the last Federal Census, the Assessor and Collector of Taxes, with the consent and approval of the Commissioners' Court, may appoint a deputy Tax Collector in each such county; and defining the duties of such deputies; and providing for the salaries of such deputies, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 936, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6699, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 962, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 2 of Chapter 19 of the Local and Special Acts of the Forty-first Legislature of Texas, Fourth Called Session, so as to provide for the funding by the Commissioners' Court of Angelina County of any and all items of indebtedness outstanding on January 1, 1937, against the road and bridge fund of said County, including scrip and time warrants, by issuing coupon bonds of said County; providing that the Commissioners' Court shall be authorized to levy and collect any and all of the special fifteen cents maintenance tax of said County for the payment of said bonds, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 965, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the use of a seine for taking fish in the waters and tributaries of the Bosque River in Hamilton County, Texas; providing, however, for the use of a net during the months of July, August, September and October for the purpose of taking fish; permitting the use of a minnow seine not more than twenty (20) feet in length for the purpose of taking minnows for bait; providing a penalty; repealing Chapter 47, Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict

herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 967, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that in all cases of delinquent taxes for the year 1935 and all prior years where it appears that an assessment has been made at a valuation excessive and unreasonable, the Commissioners' Court shall be authorized to correct or reduce such values on the request of the tax collector; providing that cities, towns, villages, school districts, road districts, levy improvement districts, water improvement districts, water control and improvement districts, irrigation districts and all other political subdivisions authorized to assess and collect taxes, and the governing authorities thereof may also correct and reduce such excessive and unreasonable values, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 971, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 174, Special Laws of the Forty-second Legislature, Regular Session, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 975, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation of Five Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-eight and 02/100 (\$503,278.02) Dollars out of the General Revenue Fund of the State of Texas for certain State Departments, State Eleemosy-

nary Institutions and certain State Educational Institutions; designating the purpose for which said funds are to be used; providing that said funds are to be available immediately, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 68, Urging early appointment of members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 69, Inviting Honorable Amine Youssef to address a Joint Session of the Legislature of the State of Texas.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1013, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Health Department to be used in aiding Medical and Surgical Service and Relief to the sufferers in the New London School explosion of March 18, 1937, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 70, Requesting the appointment of a committee to in-

investigate the explosion of the New London School.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly engrossed.

BRIDGERS, Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 120, "An Act amending Article 802, Penal Code of Texas, 1925, as amended by Chapter 424, Acts of the First Called Session, Forty-fourth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 457, "An Act prohibiting the taking, trapping, or killing of raccoons and mink in the Counties of Guadalupe and Washington for a period of three (3) years; providing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 22, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 487, "An Act validating an order of County School Board, transferring land out of Common School District No. 113, to Independ-

ent School District No. 6, in Wise County, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 506, "An Act making it unlawful to take or catch in any manner from any of the public waters, rivers, creeks, or lakes in Gonzales County, any bass, crappie, perch, calico bass, bream, or catfish of any variety, or to have in his possession or retain in any way any bass, crappie, perch, calico bass, bream, or catfish of any variety caught or taken from such waters during certain months; and fixing a penalty for violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 52, Providing for the erection of a cold drink stand in the Walton State Building.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1937.

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 69, Inviting Honorable Amine Youssef to address a Joint Session of the Legislature of the State of Texas.

Has carefully compared same and finds it correctly enrolled.

HERZIK, Chairman.

In Memoriam

Mr. Tennant offered the following resolution:

Whereas, According to newspaper reports the greatest disaster that has ever befallen any school in the world has just occurred in an explosion demolishing a building at New London, Texas; and

Whereas, It is reported that from four hundred and fifty to seven hundred lives were lost in this terrible calamity; and

Whereas, The student body of said school together with the teachers that perished in said disaster, have saddened the homes and brought sorrow to thousands of citizens of Texas; and

Whereas, It is fitting that the Legislature go on record as deploring this terrible occurrence; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the State of Texas extend to the families and relatives of those who perished their heartfelt and sincere sympathy in this hour of their great bereavement; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the House of today, and that when the House adjourns today it do so in memory of those who were the victims of this terrible disaster. .

TENNANT,
GIBSON,
LEATH,
JONES of Atascosa,
McKINNEY,
WALKER,
WOOD,
BECKWORTH,
TALBERT,
McCONNELL,
FIELDEN.

The resolution was read second time.

Signed—Calvert, Speaker; Adkins, Alexander, Alsup, Amos, Baker, Bates, Bell, Blankenship, Boethel, Bond, Boyer, Bradbury, Bradford, Bridgers, Broadfoot, Brown, Burton, Cagle, Callan, Carssow, Cathey, Cauthorn, Celaya, Cleveland, Colquitt, Davis of Haskell, Davis of Jasper, Davison of Fisher, Davisson of Eastland, Dean, Deglandon, Derden, Dickison, Dollins, England, Farmer, Felty, Fox, Fuchs, Graves, Hamilton, Hankamer, Hanna, Harbin, Hardin, Harper, Harrell, Harris of Archer, Harris of Dallas, Harris of Dickens, Hartzog, Heflin, Herzik, Holland, Hoskins, Howard, Huddleston, Hull, Hyder, Jackson, James, Johnson of Ellis, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Angelina, Jones of Falls, Jones of Wise, Keefe, Keith, Kelt, Kenyon, Kern, King, Knetsch, Langdon, Lankford, Lanning, Leonard, Leyendecker, Little, Loggins, London, Lucas, Mann, Mauritz, Mays, McCracken, McDonald, McFarland, McKee, Metcalfe, Moffett, Monkhouse, Morris, Morse, Newton, Nicholson, Oliver, Palmer, Patterson of Mills, Patterson of Travis, Petsch, Pope, Powell, Prescott, Quinn, Ragsdale, Reader, Reed of Bowie, Reed of Dallas, Rhodes, Riddle, Roark, Ross, Russell, Rutta, Schuenemann, Settle, Sewell, Sharpe, Shell, Simpson, Skaggs, Smith of Hopkins, Smith of Matagorda, Smith of Tarrant, Stevenson, Stinson, Stocks, Tarwater, Tennyson, Thornberry, Thornton, Vale, Waggoner, Weldon, Westbrook, Winfree and Worley.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Tarrant, the names of all the Members of the House were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.